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Emergency leave of 10 days, exclusive of travel time, may be granted for compassionate reasons at any time to all military personnel. Normal leaves of 45 days per year, exclusive of travel time, are granted to "long termers" and officers while trainees get a leave of 15 days and travel time, to the USSR, in the 3d and 4th years. Prior to that time no leave is granted. A ten-day leave in the USSR may be awarded to trainees for exceptional political or military performance. In actual practice such a leave is extremely rare.

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8. [redacted] Machine guns don't go with  
50X1 [redacted]  
50X1 artillery pieces. Furthermore, if a war-time division has a complement of  
50X1 14,500 men and a machine gun squad is composed of four men, what would you do  
50X1 tactically with 3,500 - odd machine guns? During the war there were training  
50X1 units of battalion size for machine gunners but the highest organized unit [redacted]  
50X1 [redacted] is the Antiaircraft Company with mounted machine guns.

9. [redacted]

10. [redacted]

11. [redacted]

50X1 [redacted] It is the Far Eastern Army which has existed for a long time, even before  
50X1 World War II.  
50X1 [redacted]

12. [redacted]  
50X1 [redacted] Duty in this army, as well as in other  
parts of the Far East such as the Kuriles, Maritime Province, Chukotka and  
Kamchatka Peninsulas, and the Bering Sea is considered to be either punishment  
or obligation of service. Soviet officers presently serve three years in the  
Soviet Union, exclusive of the Far East, and three years in either Germany,  
Poland, Austria, Hungary or the Far East. One year in a Far Eastern post counts  
as three years for service. Thus, a three year term in the Far East counts as  
50X1 nine years for longevity purposes. In addition, his family may be freed of  
50X1 certain taxes while he is in the Far East or else he may receive extra pay for  
his service there. [redacted]

13. [redacted]

50X1 [redacted] Naturally an officer prefers service in the Soviet  
Union where his life is comparatively free. In Germany or Austria life for  
Soviet armed force members is almost like prison. EM don't get outside the  
barracks except in conducted groups. Older sergeants and officers have somewhat  
more freedom but fraternization is completely forbidden. A person can be sent  
back to USSR for punishment just for dancing with a German girl. But as for a  
personal preference between the Soviet Far East and Europe, the Soviet officer  
might prefer the Far East where he can have his family although the life is  
uncomfortable.

14. [redacted]

50X1 [redacted] In Poland life is freer, inasmuch as the Polish Army is considered nearly the  
same as the Soviet Army. Soviet officers enter the Polish Army, receive Polish  
citizenship, wear Polish uniforms, speak the Polish language, and are called by  
50X1 Polish equivalents of their Russian names. They receive credit for this service  
as if they had served in the Soviet Army, and receive 10% extra pay for knowledge  
of a foreign language. Soviet army officers who are appointed as advisers to  
other armies retain their Soviet status and act as the political eye of the  
Soviet Government.

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A sklad is a single-purpose supply installation and will contain one type of supply, such as a food depot or an artillery depot. A baza will be composed of several sklad's and contain various types of equipment or material. It may be a distributing point for all types of supply within an area or a unit.

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Komanduyushchi is the term used for the commanding officer of military units including army. Komandir is the term used for the commanding officer of units of corps level and below.

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